

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the personal interview on August 16, 2004. During the personal interview, no exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. The Applicants' representative discussed claims 16, 28 and 40 with the Examiner. Furthermore, the Applicants' representative discussed with the Examiner U.S. Patent 6,262,487 B1 to Igarashi, et al., and U.S. Patent 4,782,193 to Linsker. An agreement was reached with the Examiner with respect to the claims.

As a follow-up to the interview with the Examiner and to place the claims in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended claims 16-19, 25, 27-31, 37 and 39 and have canceled claims 40-50. Applicants have not canceled, added, or amended any other claim. Accordingly, claims 16-19, 21-25, 27-31, 33-37 and 39, will be pending in the Application upon entry of this Amendment.

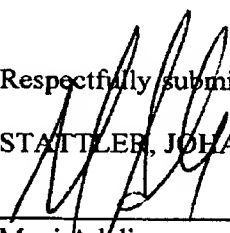
CONCLUSION

With this Amendment, it is submitted that all pending claims, namely claims 16-19, 21-25, 27-31, 33-37, and 39 are in condition for allowance. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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